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TRANSMITTAL

The Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, Applicant submits the following:

amendment to the claims beginning on page 2;

remarks beginning on page 10.